

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Claims 1-162 (canceled)

- 5     163. (currently amended) A chip package comprising:
- a first ~~polymer-insulating~~ layer;
  - a die between a first portion of said first ~~polymer-insulating~~ layer and a second portion of said first ~~polymer-insulating~~ layer, wherein said die has a top surface substantially coplanar with a top surface of said first portion and with a top surface of
  - 10    said second portion;
  - a second ~~polymer-insulating~~ layer on said top surface of said die and on said top surfaces of said first and second portions;
  - a first patterned metal layer over said second ~~polymer-insulating~~ layer, over said top surface of said die and over said top surfaces of said first and second portions,
  - 15    wherein said first patterned metal layer is connected to said die through an opening in said second ~~polymer-insulating~~ layer, and wherein said first patterned metal layer comprises electroplated copper; ~~and wherein said first patterned metal layer comprises at least a part of a passive device comprising a portion directly over said top surface of said first portion;~~
  - 20    a passive device over said second insulating layer, wherein said passive device comprises a portion directly over said top surface of said first portion;
  - a third ~~polymer-insulating~~ layer on said first patterned metal layer, on said passive device, over said second ~~polymer-insulating~~ layer, over said top surface of said die and over said top surfaces of said first and second portions; and
  - 25    a metal bump directly over said top surface of said first portion, wherein said metal bump is connected to said die through said first patterned metal layer.

164. (previously presented) The chip package in claim 163, wherein said passive device comprises a resistor.

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165. (previously presented) The chip package in claim 163, wherein said passive device comprises a capacitor.

166. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 163, wherein said second  
5 ~~polymer-insulating~~ layer comprises polyimide.

167. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 163, wherein said second  
~~polymer-insulating~~ layer comprises benzocyclobutene (BCB).

10 168. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 163 further comprising a second  
patterned metal layer on said third ~~polymer-insulating~~ layer, over said top surface of  
said die and over said top surfaces of said first and second portions, wherein said  
second patterned metal layer comprises electroplated copper, wherein said second  
patterned metal layer is connected to said first patterned metal layer through an  
15 opening in said third ~~polymer-insulating~~ layer, and wherein said metal bump is  
connected to said first patterned metal layer through said second patterned metal layer.

169. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 163, wherein said third ~~polymer-~~  
insulating layer comprises polyimide.

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170. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 163, wherein said third ~~polymer-~~  
insulating layer comprises benzocyclobutene (BCB).

171. (previously presented) The chip package in claim 163, wherein said metal bump  
25 comprises a solder.

172. (previously presented) The chip package in claim 163, wherein said passive device comprises an inductor.

30 173. (previously presented) The chip package in claim 163, wherein said metal bump

comprises gold.

174. (previously presented) The chip package in claim 163, wherein said passive device comprises a waveguide.

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175. (previously presented) The chip package in claim 163, wherein said passive device comprises a filter.

176. (previously presented) The chip package in claim 163 further comprising a substrate under said die and under said first and second portions.

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177. (previously presented) The chip package in claim 176, wherein said substrate comprises silicon.

178. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 163, wherein said first ~~polymer-~~insulating layer comprises an epoxy.

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179. (currently amended) A chip package comprising:

a first ~~polymer-~~insulating layer;

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a die between a first portion of said first ~~polymer-~~insulating layer and a second portion of said first ~~polymer-~~insulating layer, wherein said die has a top surface substantially coplanar with a top surface of said first portion and with a top surface of said second portion;

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a second ~~polymer-~~insulating layer on said top surface of said die and on said top surfaces of said first and second portions;

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a patterned metal layer over said second ~~polymer-~~insulating layer, over said top surface of said die and over said top surfaces of said first and second portions, wherein said patterned metal layer is connected to a first metal pad of said die through a first opening in said second ~~polymer-~~insulating layer, and to a second metal pad of said die through a second opening in said second ~~polymer-~~insulating layer, wherein said first

metal pad is connected to said second metal pad through said patterned metal layer;  
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a metal bump directly over said top surface of said first portion, wherein said metal bump is connected to said die through said patterned metal layer.

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180. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 179, wherein said first ~~polymer-~~  
insulating layer comprises an epoxy.

181. (previously presented) The chip package in claim 179, wherein said metal bump  
10 comprises a solder.

182. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 179, wherein said second  
~~polymer-~~insulating layer comprises polyimide.

183. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 179, wherein said second  
15 ~~polymer-~~insulating layer comprises benzocyclobutene (BCB).

184. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 179 further comprising a third  
~~polymer-~~insulating layer on said patterned metal layer, over said second ~~polymer-~~  
20 insulating layer, over said top surface of said die and over said top surfaces of said  
first and second portions.

185. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 184, wherein said third ~~polymer-~~  
insulating layer comprises polyimide.

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186. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 184, wherein said third ~~polymer-~~  
insulating layer comprises benzocyclobutene (BCB).

187. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 179, wherein said patterned metal  
30 layer comprises a ground bus connecting said first metal pad to ~~and~~ said second metal

~~pad. pads through said first and second openings.~~

188. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 179, wherein said patterned metal layer comprises a power bus connecting said first metal pad to ~~and said~~ second metal  
5 ~~pad. pads through said first and second openings.~~

189. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 179, wherein said patterned metal layer comprises a signal trace connecting said first metal pad to ~~and said~~ second metal  
10 ~~pad. pads through said first and second openings.~~

190. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 179 further comprising a filter  
~~passive device~~ over said second ~~polymer~~ insulating layer.

191. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 179 ~~190~~, further comprising  
15 ~~wherein said passive device comprises~~ an inductor over said second ~~polymer~~  
insulating layer.

192. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 179 ~~190~~, further comprising  
~~wherein said passive device comprises~~ a capacitor over said second ~~polymer~~  
20 insulating layer.

193. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 179 ~~190~~, further comprising  
~~wherein said passive device comprises~~ a resistor over said second ~~polymer~~ insulating  
25 layer.

194. (previously presented) The chip package in claim 179 further comprising a substrate under said die and under said first and second portions.

195. (previously presented) The chip package in claim 194, wherein said substrate  
30 comprises silicon.

196. (previously presented) The chip package in claim 179, wherein said patterned metal layer comprises electroplated copper.

5 197. (currently amended) A chip package comprising:

a first ~~polymer-insulating~~ layer;

a die between a first portion of said first ~~polymer-insulating~~ layer and a second portion of said first ~~polymer-insulating~~ layer, wherein said die has a top surface substantially coplanar with a top surface of said first portion and with a top surface of  
10 said second portion;

a second ~~polymer-insulating~~ layer on said top surface of said die and on said top surfaces of said first and second portions;

a patterned metal layer over said second ~~polymer-insulating~~ layer, over said top surface of said die and over said top surfaces of said first and second portions, wherein  
15 said patterned metal layer comprises electroplated copper, and wherein said patterned metal layer comprises a ground bus connected to a first metal pad of said die through a first opening in said second ~~polymer-insulating~~ layer, and to a second metal pad of said die through a second opening in said second ~~polymer-insulating~~ layer, wherein said first metal pad is connected to said second metal pad through said ground bus;  
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a metal bump directly over said top surface of said first portion, wherein said metal bump is connected to said die through said patterned metal layer.

198. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 197 further comprising an  
25 inductor over said second ~~polymer-insulating~~ layer.

199. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 197 further comprising a resistor over said second ~~polymer-insulating~~ layer.

30 200. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 197, wherein said first ~~polymer-~~

insulating layer comprises an epoxy.

201. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 197 further comprising a capacitor over said second ~~polymer-insulating~~ layer.

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202. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 197, wherein said second ~~polymer-insulating~~ layer comprises polyimide.

203. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 197 further comprising a third  
10 ~~polymer-insulating~~ layer on said patterned metal layer.

204. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 197, wherein said second ~~polymer-insulating~~ layer comprises benzocyclobutene (BCB).

15 205. (previously presented) The chip package in claim 197, wherein said metal bump comprises a solder.

206. (previously presented) The chip package in claim 197 further comprising a substrate under said die and under said first and second portions.

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207. (previously presented) The chip package in claim 206, wherein said substrate comprises silicon.

208. (currently amended) The chip package in claim 197 further comprising a filter  
25 over said second ~~polymer-insulating~~ layer.